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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Release of National Intelligence Estimates
to Foreign Governments

REFERENCES : a. USIB-D-17.1/15, 10 June 1964
b. USIB-M-495, 11 January 1968, Items 4 and 5

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1. At its meeting on 11 January 1968 the USIB engaged in an extensive discussion of this subject in regard to the release of National Intelligence Estimates to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Acting Chairman, Admiral Taylor, stated that he would look into the questions raised at that meeting and make recommendations to the Board at a later date.

2. Accordingly, Admiral Taylor has submitted the attached memorandum for consideration by the Board of the guidelines and procedures on this subject recommended in paragraph 5 thereof.

3. It is planned to schedule this subject on the USIB agenda of 15 February for Board discussion and consideration of the CIA recommendations in paragraph 5 of the attached memorandum.

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Executive Secretary

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1. On the basis of the discussion at the USIB meeting of 11 January 1968, I have reviewed the Board's guidelines and procedures for releasing NIEs to foreign governments. They seem to me to need reformulation. With that in mind my suggestions are set forth below for consideration by the Board.

2. Paragraph 4,d of NSCID No. 1 vests authority for releasing estimates in the Director of Central Intelligence with the concurrence of the USIB, if he has determined that such action would substantially promote the security of the United States.*

3. For many years the Intelligence Community has assumed that the security of the United States is substantially promoted by the release of [REDACTED]

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Exceptions have been made only when overriding policy or security considerations clearly dictated otherwise.

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* The authority of the National Military Information Disclosure Policy Committee (NDPC) with respect to release of military intelligence does not extend to national intelligence estimates or to interdepartmental intelligence produced within the USIB structure.

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In making its recommendation, BNE will take into account the substantive content of the estimate and related security considerations.

- (2) USIB members will review the BNE recommendation to determine whether sensitive or "no foreign dissem" information or policy considerations make the release inappropriate.
- (3) Each USIB member will then inform the USIB Secretariat whether or not he concurs in the release, and if not, the reasons therefore. In cases when the release is opposed by one or more members, the estimate would not be released, and no further action would be taken unless a USIB member requested that the matter be placed on the USIB agenda.
- (4) Recommendations by the Board of National Estimates regarding [REDACTED] will be limited to estimates concerning the areas specified in 5.a above. In event a USIB member wishes to propose the release of an estimate on other areas, he should so inform the Executive Secretary in a paper which also sets forth the advantages accruing to the U.S. from the proposed release. Subsequently, the procedure set forth in 5.b.(3) above would be followed.
- (5) For the release of national estimates to [REDACTED] USIB members should initiate proposals in accord with the procedures set forth in USIB-D-17.1/15, 10 June 1964 (Reference a). All such proposals will be placed on the USIB agenda for discussion and action. If a USIB member contemplates

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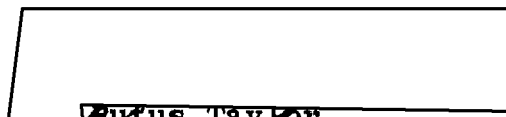
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making a proposal for release but wishes to be more fully informed of policy, intelligence, security, or other considerations before reaching a decision, he may call upon the D/DCI/NIPE to convene an ad hoc group from USIB member agencies to identify and make a preliminary assessment of these considerations. The conclusions of the ad hoc group would not be binding upon USIB members, but merely advisory to the member contemplating a recommendation to the Board for release.



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